दूरसंचार के क्षेत्र में करोड़ों रुपये मूल्य की प्रौद्योगिकी के अन्तरण का सौदा

2686. श्री रमेन्द्र कुमार पोद्दार : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूर संचार क्षेत्र के लिये आप्टीकल फाइबर केबल्स और सम्प्रेषण प्रणालियों के संबंध में हिन्दुस्तान केबल्स, मध्य प्रदेश राज्य इलैक्ट्रानिक्स कारपोरेशन और इलैक्ट्रानिक्स विभाग विदेशी फर्मों के साथ करोड़ों रुपये मूल्य की प्रौद्योगिकी के अन्तरण का सौदा करने की योजना बना रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस प्रकार के सौदे स्वयं संचार विभाग की उत्पादन इकाइयों और साथ ही साथ सैंट्रल ग्लास एंड सैरामिक रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट कलकत्ता के इन दावों की उपेक्षा करके भी करने का विचार है कि उन्होंने इन क्षेत्रों में देश में ही पर्याप्त क्षमता विकसित कर ली है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस मामले की जांच करने के लिये संसदीय समिति गठित करने का विचार रखती है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय और महासागर विकास, परमाणू, ऊर्जा, अंतरिक्ष और इलैक्ट्रानिकी विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) "आप्टो इलेक्ट्रानिक संचार प्रणालियों तथा उससे संबंधित सहायक उपकरणों और संघटक-पुर्जों" के लिये मध्य प्रदेश राज्य इलेक्ट्रानिक विकास निगम को एक आशय-पत्र दिया गया है। उन्होंने प्रौद्योगिकियों की खरीद के लिये एक विश्व व्यापी टेंडर आमंत्रित किया है। हिन्दुस्तान केबल्स लिमिटेड (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) ने प्रकाश तन्तु तथा केबल्स पर एक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की है। उन्होंने भी ऐसा ही एक विश्व-व्यापी टेंडर आमंत्रित किया है।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य इलेक्ट्रानिकी विकास निगम के टेंडर के लिये गठित मूल्यांकन समिति में दूरसंचार विभाग (टी० आर० सी०) के साथ-साथ वैज्ञानिक और सेन्ट्रल ग्लास एण्ड सिरेमिक रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट के वैज्ञानिक शामिल हैं। मध्य प्रदेश राज्य इलैक्ट्रानिक विकास निगम तथा हिन्दुस्तान केबल लिमिटेड से विदेशी सहयोग के संबंध में आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त होने के बाद सरकार टेंडर मूल्यांकन समिति की रिपोर्ट तथा स्वदेशी प्रौद्योगिकी के दावे पर विचार करेगी।

(ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) तथा (ख) को ध्यान में रखते हुये किसी संसदीय समिति की जरूरत नहीं है।

Lease of Lands in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2687. SHRI M. M. JACOB : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lease land in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to private sector for plantation activity; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any private companies have applied for undertaking agricultural activity in the islands;

(c) if so, the names of such companies and the land acquired by them;

(d) whether any other agency besides Andaman and Nicobar Forest and Plantation Development Corporation is engaged in agricultural activity; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) to (c) Requests have been received from private parties for leasing of land in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for undertaking plantation activities, e.g. red oil palm and .rubber. They are : Messrs (1) Satrughun Jiwanani, Bombay, (2) Shaw Wallace and Company, Bombay, (3) T.G.L. Group, Adoni, (4) Alim-chand Topandas Oil Industries, Adoni,
(5) Hindustan Lever Limited, Bombay,
(6) Aegis Chemical Industries, Bombay,

(.7) Ram Bahadur Thakur Private Limited., Cochin, (8) Tungabhadra Industries Limited, Bombay, (9) Indian Rayon Corporation Limited, New Delhi, (10) P. Venkatarao, Madras, (11) Consolidated Coffee Limited, Karnataka and (12) Metro Tyres Limited, Ludhiana. No decision has been taken by the Government in the matter.

(d) and (e) Besides Andaman and Ni-cobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation, other agencies inclusive of Cooperative Societies are engaged in agricultural activities like cultivation of cashew, coconut, arecanut, spices, rubber etc.

Restrictions on visit of Foreigners to Darjeeling and other places in North Bengal

2688. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal in a communication dated the 28th November, 1984 addressed to the Home Minister had suggested for a total review of the restrictions now obtaining for visit of foreigners to Darjeeling and several picturesque places in North Bengal to allow foreign tourist flow to the Eastern Himalayas; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A review was conducted and orders were issued on 27-6-85 authorising all Indian Missions abroad, the four Foreigners Regional Registration Officers at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and the Home Department of West Bengal to grant restricted area permits—

(i) for period upto fifteen days for visiting Darjeeling and the adjoining additional place namely, Tiger Hill, Lebong Race Course, Jorebunglow, Ghoom and Kurseong.

(ii) to groups of foreign tourists sponsored by the recognised Indian Travel agencies to visit Sandakphu and Phalut in Darjeeling provided the travel agencies give a pre-arranged itinerary and an undertaking that they take the responsibility for the entire group sticking to the itinerary; and

(iii) to foreign tourists who want to visit wildlife sanctuaries at Mahanda and Sinchal in Darjeeling district and Chaparamari and Gorumara in Jalpaiguri district for a total period of seven days. They will be free to make their journeys to and fro by surface.

Sino-US Nuclear Agreement

2689. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR PODDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently concluded Sino-US Nuclear agreement, does not have the veto clause as in the Indo-US agreement on the Tarapur Atomic Power Station; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) In so far as the 1963 Indo-US agreement on the Tarapur Atomic Power Station is concerned, the position of the Government is that there is no veto in the Agreement.

As regards the US-China agreement concerning the peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy, the relevant article pertaining to the question of enrichment, reprocessing or alterations in form or content of material transferred under the Agreement (Article 5) *inter alia* states as follows:

"In the event that a party would like at some future time to undertake such activities, the parties will promptly held consultations to agree on a mutually acceptable arrangement. The parties undertake the obligation to consider such activities favourably and agree to provide pertinent information on the plans during